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# Fourteenth Annual Convention of National Travelers' Protective Association of America

For the genial knights of the grip all roads will lead to Indianapolis this week. Trains on every road leading into the city are bringing in already members of the Travelers' Protective Association of America enthusiastic about the certain success of their annual convention. Indianapolis will be the Mecca of every loyal drummer, the place where he will attest his devotion to his great organization.

Preparations have been practically completed for the big annual convention of the National T. P. A., which begins to-morrow. The members of the Post B, the local organization, who have worked like Trojans for many weeks to insure the success of the meeting, are resting on their oars and contemplating the result of their labors. These labors insure that traveling men from thirty-one states will be in attendance, that in all probability something like 5,000 members of the order will be here and that every detail is likely to go with that smoothness and charm which has characterized big gatherings of the order in other cities. Everything possible to make the convention a go has been done.

Those of the local traveling men's club that have been in charge of the arrangements are: Horace B. Eckhouse, president of Post B; Bert Cox, vice president; J. H. Call, secretary and treasurer; and John H. Ryder, D. M. Payne, Ed Lowe, M. F. Orr, Walter Lindley and H. S. Hunter, of the board of directors. The following members of the committees detailed to make special arrangements have been busy men during the past few weeks: W. H. Schilling, chairman of the railroad committee; I. S. Gordon, of the legislative committee; John Eldridge, of the hotel committee; Ed A. Hirschfeld, of the press committee; Roy Fielding, of the employment committee; Riley Adams, of the sick committee, and Dr. W. D. Harvey, post surgeon.

The members of the reception committee of Post B who will receive the brothers from afar and show where and how to have the best time while in the Hoosier capital are:

Thomas E. Potter, chairman; E. A. Hirschfeld, Captain J. H. Ryder, Henry H. Ahlers, Charles H. Augustine, R. P. Alexander, D. G. Allen, James H. Byers, Charles Brain, Horace Blakeley, W. Bockhoff, Charles Busch, F. T. Boltz, Charles A. Bookwalter, H. Debolt, L. G. Descher, L. C. Engelkin, Frank Floyd, S. A. Fisher, F. M. Flannigan, F. M. Gipe, J. S. Gordon, W. C. Hall, J. C. Hale, W. D. Harvey, Thomas Brown, J. W. Beck, W. J. Butler, F. A. Brocken, J. L. Chandler, O. M. Clark, James H. Cravens, Frank Cahill, Frank Campbell, John E. Corcoran, John H. Crawford, P. H. McClelland, E. Claim, Curt Newman, William Whitesides, H. A. Hersey, Thomas Hibben, O. A. Harlow, Harry Jones, L. P. Jordan, J. A. King, C. W. Kriel, E. W. Hayes, George Hughes and Harry Hornbrook.

These committees of the local club have entire charge of the details of the convention.

The business sessions, and, for the most part, the social functions of the T. P. A. delegates and visitors will be held in the German House. The business sessions will be held in the morning, beginning at 9 o'clock. The afternoons will be devoted to excursions on the interurban roads, picnics, card parties and other diversions. The big parade with the ladies in carriages will be held Friday afternoon. It will be one of the features of the convention. Every minute of the time of the traveling men will be filled with something to do that is worth while. They are booked for a good time, and the members of Post B, who are adepts in the art of entertaining, will see to it that there are no "quitters."

The following programme has been arranged for the convention from June 9 to 14. The programme is subject to slight change, but the main features of the meeting will take place as outlined below:

Monday.—  
Reception at the German House. Addresses of welcome by Governor Durbin and Mayor Bookwalter.

Tuesday.—  
Morning—Convention opens at 9 o'clock. Afternoon—Card party in honor of the ladies. Night is open.

Wednesday.—  
Afternoon—Trip to the Overland and Anderson on special cars over the Union Traction Company's line.

## ORIGINAL PORTO RICANS

### ARCHAEOLOGIST FINDS RELICS OF A FORGOTTEN PEOPLE.

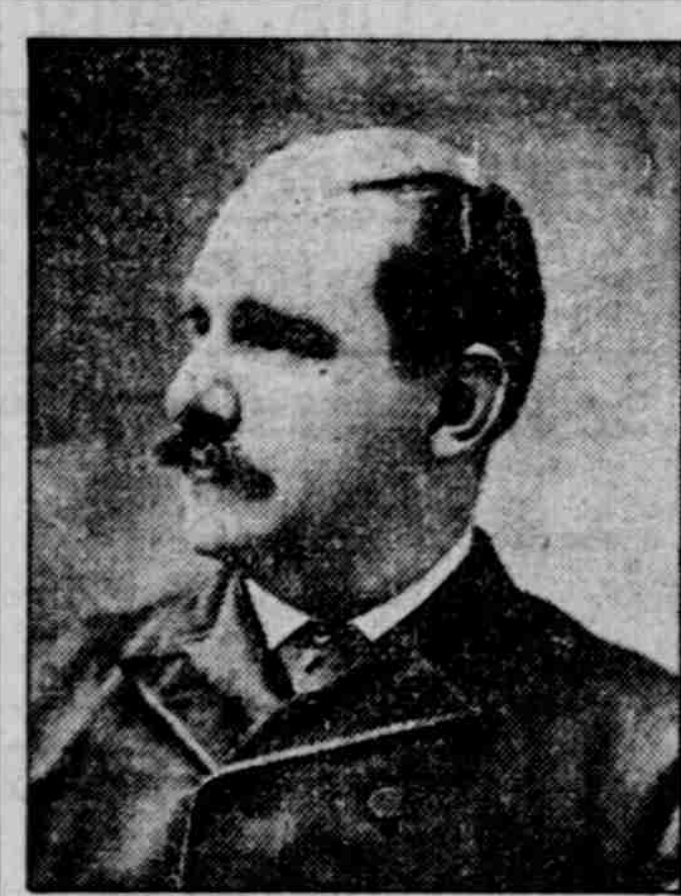
#### Skulls Show that They Had Customs Like Flat-Head Indians—Destroyed by Spaniards.

Correspondence of the Indianapolis Journal.  
WASHINGTON, June 5.—The first remains of the prehistoric man of Porto Rico, recently dug from the soil of that island by Dr. Jesse Walter Fawkes of the Bureau of American Ethnology, have just been brought to the United States National Museum by that scientist, who became famous for his excavation of numerous southwestern pueblos a few years back.

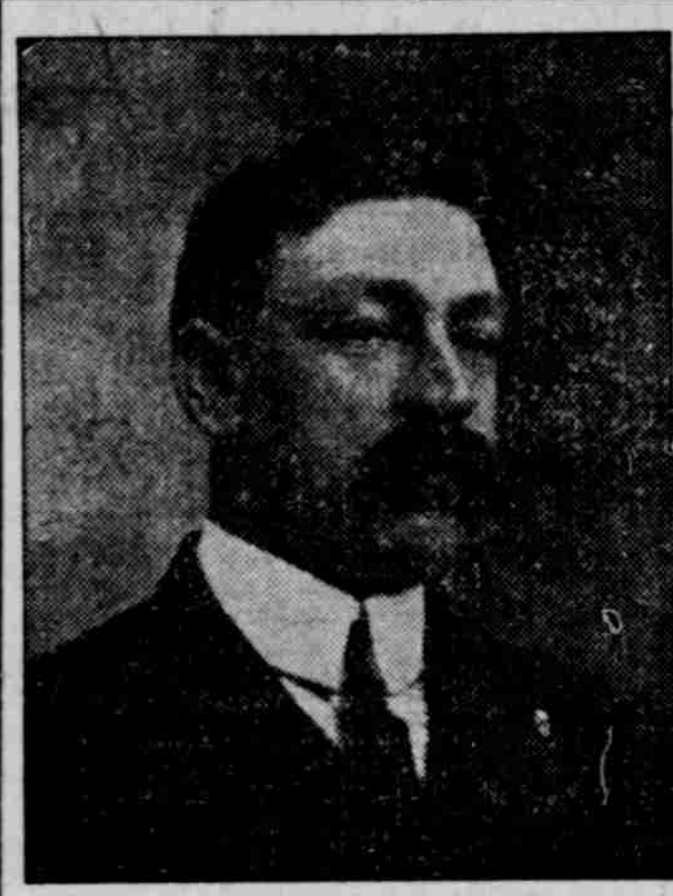
Surrounded by piles of rusty human bones and 800 specimens of pottery, implements, ornaments and what not, taken from the caves and mortuary mounds of our new West Indian possession, this enterprising archaeologist yesterday gave a correspondent the first detailed account of his fruitful search for the long lost aborigine of that island. The Yankee schoolboy of the future must be taught the true story of Porto Rico's first people. Dr. Fawkes brings to the national capital the first authentic information concerning them. He is the first to have read their interesting story in the crumbling ashes of the past.

While looking over the field near Utuado, in the eastern-central part of the island, fifteen miles south of Arecibo—Dr. Fawkes noticed a fragment of bone protruding from a bank recently dug by road-builders. That piece of bone proved to be the golden key which unlocked the long hidden secrets of the lost prehistoric man, made one of the ancestors of our domain by the treaty of Paris.

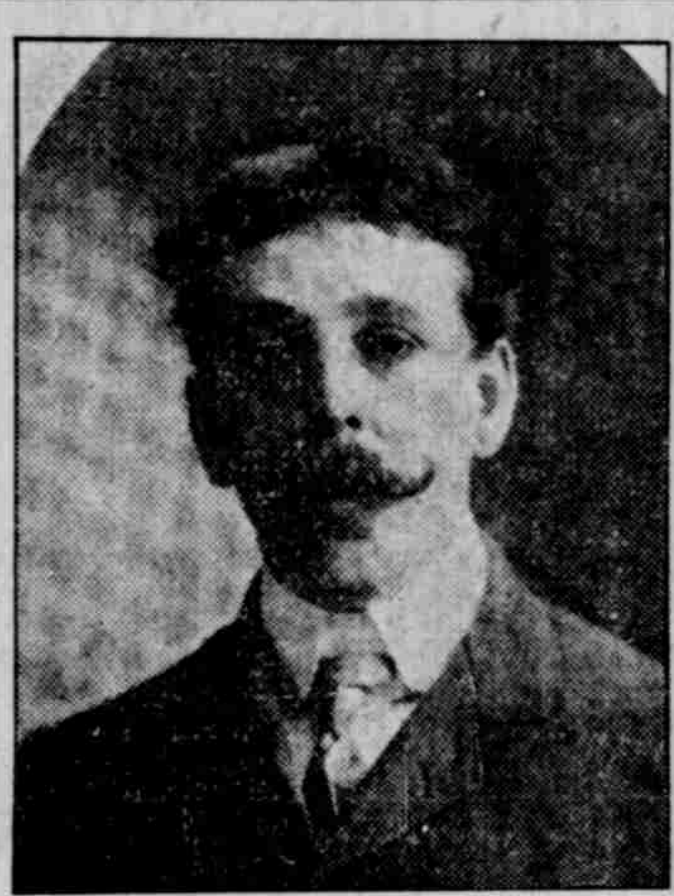
Scattered over the island, especially in the accessible mountain regions, the archaeologist had come upon numerous flat spaces



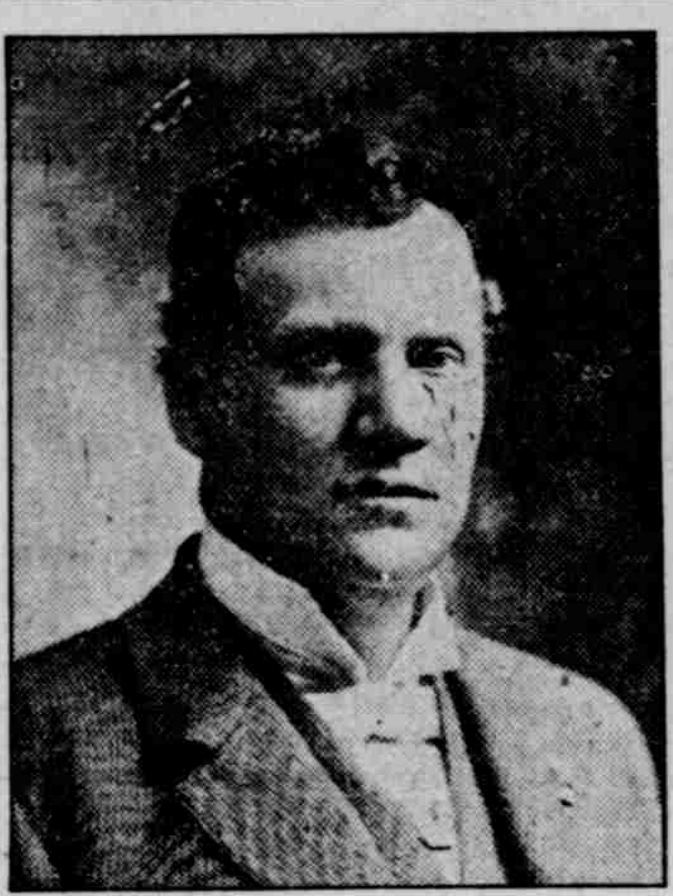
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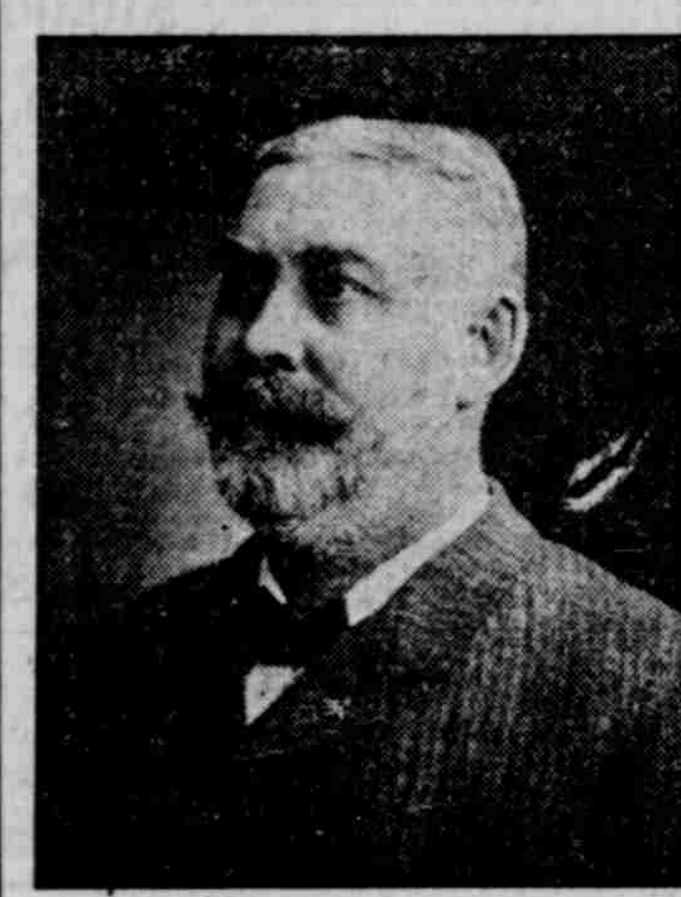
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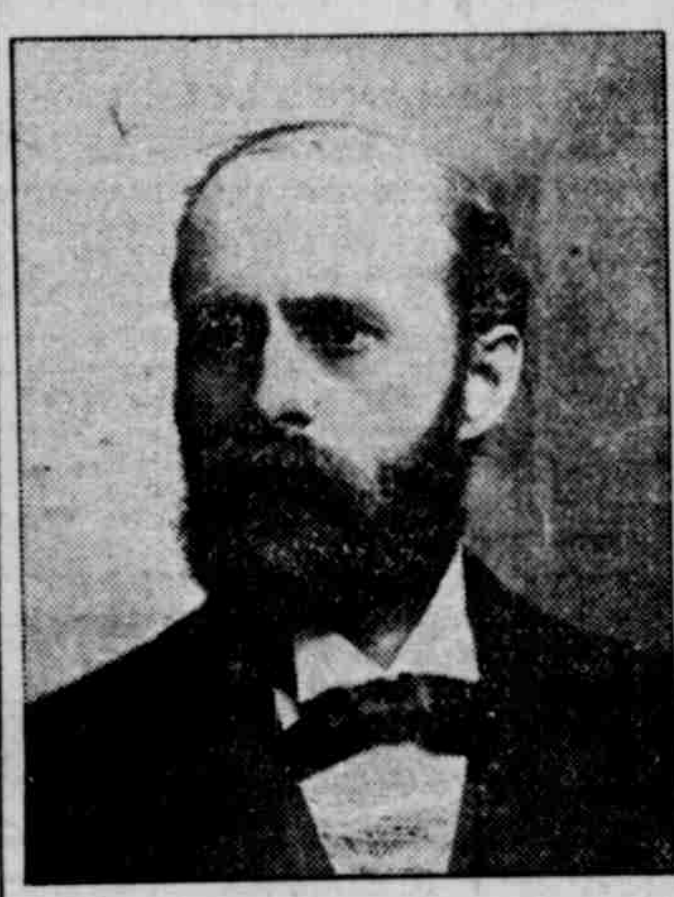
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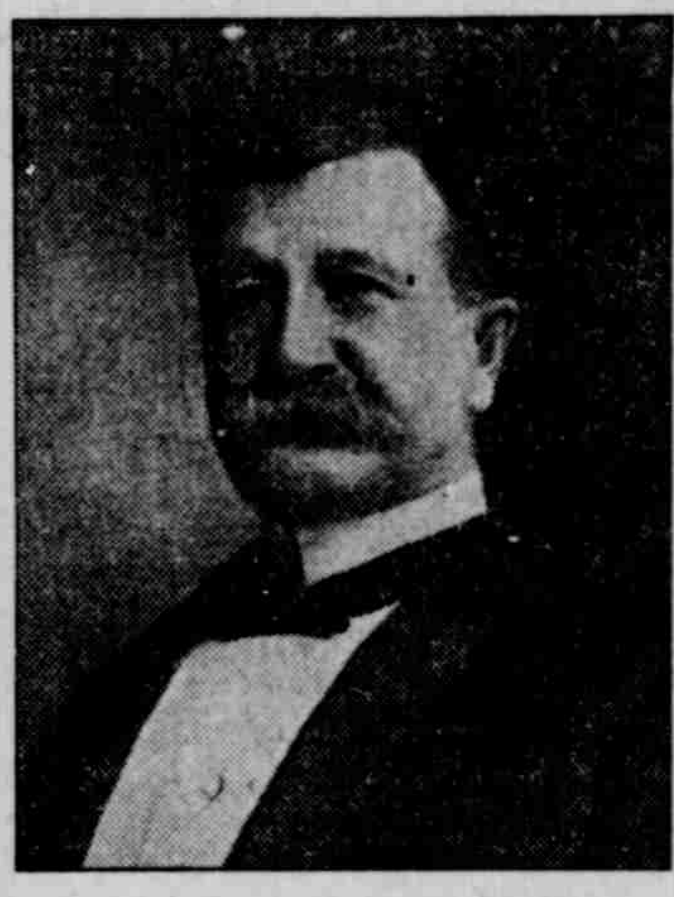
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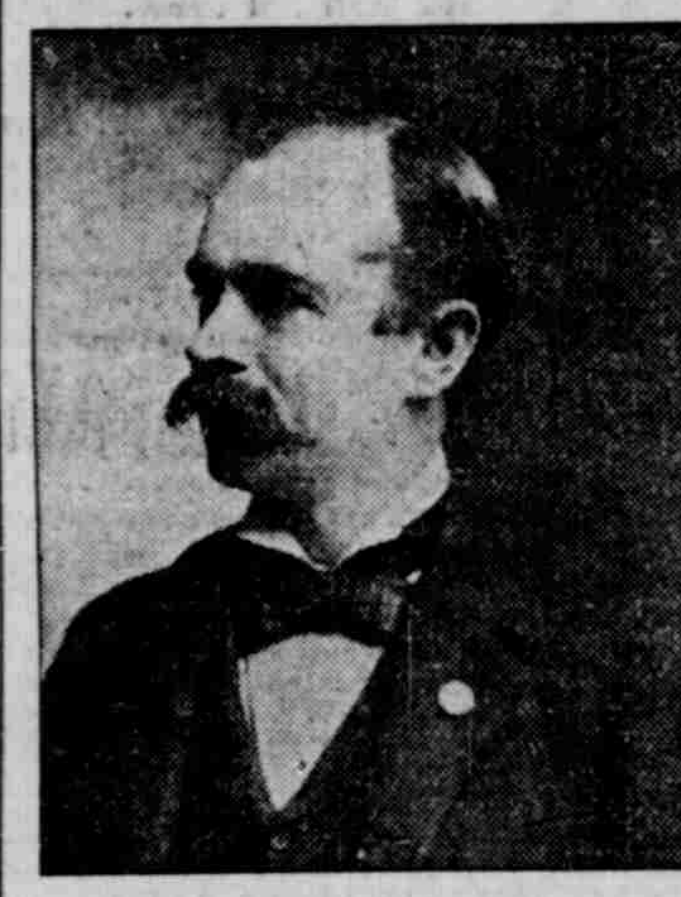
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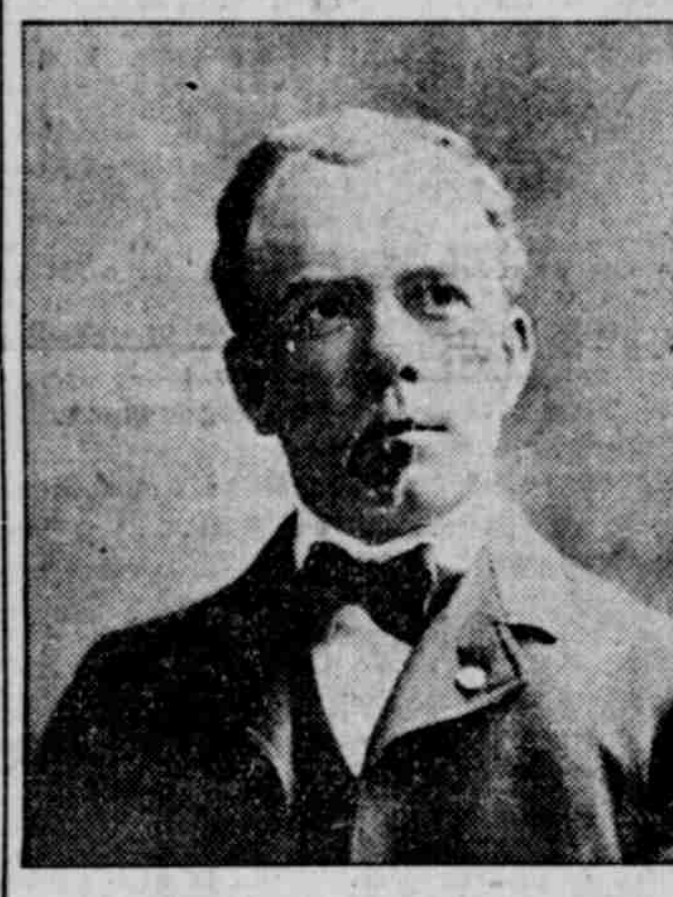
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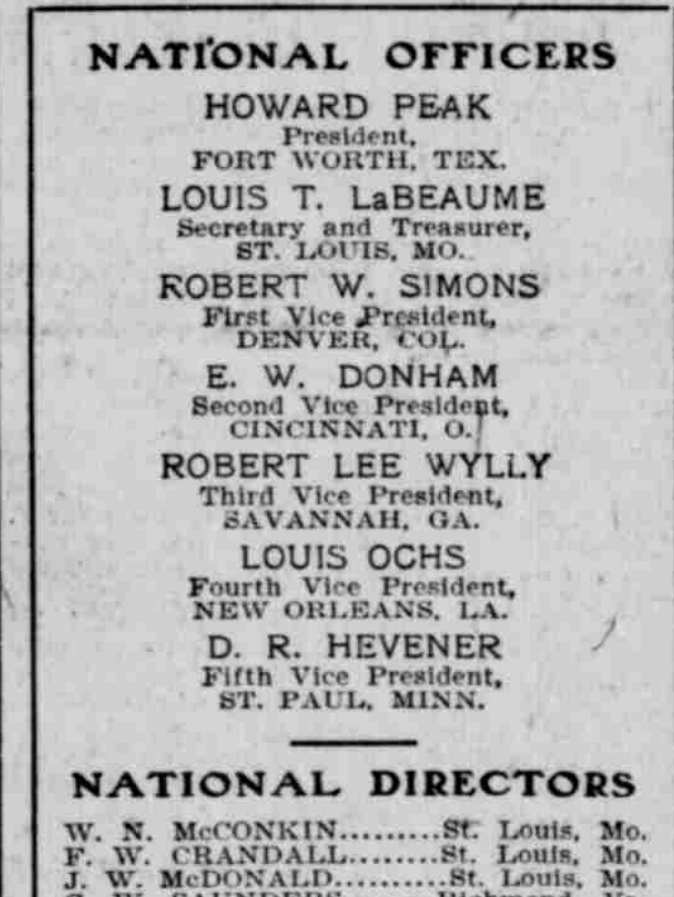
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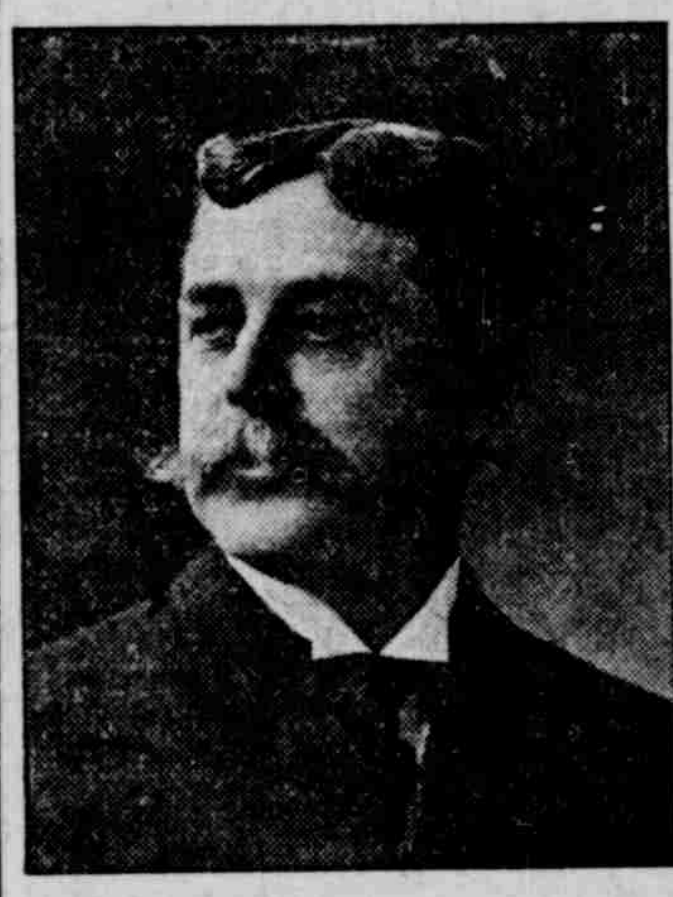
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—Thursday—  
Afternoon—Picnic at Broad Ripple and supper in the park.

—Friday—  
Afternoon—Parade of the delegates and ladies in carriages.

—Saturday—  
Morning—Close of the convention and departure of delegates.

—Sunday—  
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which will no doubt be as arduous a task as it will be important for the future of the order. Other matters of importance, including the reports of the officers, and the election of officers for the ensuing year will take up the time of the delegates. In every respect the convention is expected to exceed the meetings of former years.

"This will be no ordinary convention," said a member of Post B the other day, enthusiastically talking about the national meeting of his order. "It will not be the kind of convention that the people of Indianapolis see so much, and, perhaps, get tired of seeing. These men that will be here are every one of them bright, keen, up-to-date,

pushing, vigorous fellows, who will make the welkin ring while they are in town. They are the boys who know how to combine business with pleasure in just the right mixture. They know how to get the best out of everything."

Members of Post B are anxious that Indianapolis should entertain the T. P. A. delegates in good style, for the reason that other cities have spared no pains in entertaining the organization in previous years. At Kansas City and at St. Paul no expense was spared, with the result that the convention of the T. P. A. is still a pleasant memory in those cities. Post B members are exceedingly anxious that the same will

be the case here. So far their missionary effort among the merchants has met with deserved success. Business men have opened their arms to the organization, and have come to the front not merely with assurances, but with the kind of thing that insures success—plenty of the long green.

The career of the T. P. A. of America has been marked with constant success since the year it was born—1890. The T. P. A. was organized in Denver, Col., June 3, 1890. It has now over 2,000 members, divisions in thirty-one States, and posts in 120 of the leading cities of the country. In the past thirteen years over \$1,000,000 has been dis-

tributed to unfortunate members of the order in death and disability benefits.

The Indiana division was organized in 1901, with Leo Politzer president and Frank B. Hart secretary and treasurer. There are now twenty posts in Indiana—Post A, Fort Wayne; Post B, Indianapolis; Post C, Richmond; Post D, Frankfort; Post E, Lafayette; Post F, Logansport; Post G, Terre Haute; Post H, Vincennes; Post I, Kendallville; Post J, Evansville; Post K, South Bend; Post L, Warsaw; Post M, Crawfordsville; Post N, Marion; Post O, Anderson; Post P, New Albany; Post Q, Muncie; Post R, Kokomo; Post S, Wabash; and Post U, Columbus. The Indiana division has a mem-

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The purposes and objects for which the Travelers' Protective Association of America was organized, and which it has effectively and faithfully carried out, are nowhere better described than in the articles of association. The purposes and objects, in condensed form, are as follows:

"For a better acquaintance and more fraternal feeling between commercial travelers and the heads and executive forces of wholesale manufacturing houses.

"To secure from all transportation companies and hotels just and equitable rates.

"To elevate the social and moral character of its members.

"To establish hospitals, if necessary, and to assist in caring for disabled members by creating an indemnity fund to aid those who may be maimed, crippled or disabled by the accidents of travel."

Discussing the work of the T. P. A., a member of the order has said: "It is true the work of this association has broadened into fields of usefulness not originally contemplated by the articles of association. The high purposes, however, of this work, and the success which has attended it had made it unnecessary to raise the question of its having exceeded its legal authority. For in these broader fields of usefulness there has been shown the best proof of an improvement in the character of its members.

"Doing away with local taxes upon traveling men in the Southern States; the interchangeable mileage ticket; the improvement of the hotels everywhere; the benefit work of the employment committee. This sounds like ancient history to members of the T. P. A., although each in its turn has aided in a material way not alone the association that accomplished these grand results, but advanced every American business interest effectively.

"How faithfully this fraternal beneficial organization has performed its duties in its accident insurance department in coming to the relief of thousands of its disabled brother members in thirty-three States, is a part of the fraternal history of those States, and the pardonable pride which the T. P. A. may feel in a duty well performed in this sacred branch of work is and always has been in itself all the reward its laborers called for.

"Coming to the later work of the association Missouri and Indiana divisions point with pride to the excess baggage bills, for acts in these States which have become laws in both establishing a maximum rate for excess baggage. Other State divisions will doubtless accomplish the same victories.

"The work of our association by suggesting and putting into practical form the means of establishing a new and useful department in our national government is the latest and greatest yet obtained, and must establish in the minds of all progressive Americans a respect for the association and give character to force to its recommendations for the future.

"It would be difficult to estimate the usefulness of this department or form a definite idea of how far-reaching its influence will be toward solving existing and apprehended differences between capital and labor. Of one thing we may be at least certain: That it will be amply qualified and empowered to make awards which check, if not wholly nullify, any efforts at oppression by organized employers and eliminate largely the unreasonable demands of organized labor."

The big men of the National T. P. A. will attend the convention which begins in Indianapolis to-morrow. The national officers and directors are all expected. They are: President, Howard Peak, Port Worth, Tex.; secretary and treasurer, Louis T. Lebeaume, St. Louis, Mo.; first vice president, Robert W. Simons, Denver, Col.; second vice president, E. W. Donham, Cincinnati, O.; third vice president, Robert Lee Wylly, Savannah, Ga.; fourth vice president, Louis Ochs, New Orleans, La.; fifth vice president, D. K. Havener, St. Paul, Minn.

The members of the national board of directors are: W. N. McConklin, St. Louis, Mo.; F. W. Crandall, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. McDonald, St. Louis, Mo.; C. W. Saunders, Richmond, Va.; C. F. Wixon, Chicago, Ill.; B. G. Thompson, Evansville, Ind.

These caves were used for secular and religious purposes, and some as burial places, in the doctor's opinion. He found a widespread belief that their supernatural occupants will appropriate anything left at their mouths. It is also believed that one King Cacique, an aboriginal ruler of the island, was imprisoned by the devil in one cave, where he dwelt to this day. If any first born son named Juan will go to the closed mouth of this cave on San Juan's day and call the imprisoned king will answer and hold conversation with him.

MISTAKEN FOR INVENTOR.  
An amusing story was told by Dr. Fawkes in connection with his purchase of relics from the country people. Most of the latter possessed stone hatchets left by the aboriginal Porto Ricans. These they called "thunderbolts," and it was their belief that by hanging one in the caves of a house immunity against lightning was insured. Before selling one to the doctor the owner would generally wind a bit of string about it, retire and pretend to place the relic in the fire. Later it was exhibited to the archaeologist, and the explanation was made that the string was a part of the relic when in conjunction with the stone. Therefore the latter was a true thunderbolt. Dr. Fawkes bought so many "thunderbolts" in the country that there got abroad the story that he had made a wonderful invention. He had discovered a method of grinding the stones into powder and of extracting some explosive constituent which they had brought down from above. This constituent the government was going to place in cannon balls to be used in an anticipated war with Germany.

The cradle of the prehistoric Porto Rican race was on the banks of the Orinoco river, South America. Dr. Fawkes is led to believe by his researches in the island. Their ancestors belonged to the Arawak stock of South America. They became a maritime people and sailed out of the Orinoco, proceeding from island to island in the chain of the Lesser Antilles until they reached Porto Rico. There a part of the race became sedentary. The Caribs, another race, later swarmed out of the Orinoco valley and finally conquered its blood with that of the former race.

"Among all of the acquisitions which came from the island, the most interesting was a 'Porto Rico' is present in an anthropological point of view.

JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS, JR.